

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

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| AN INQUIRY INTO INTER- AND |) | |
| INTRA-LATA INTRASTATE |) | ADMINISTRATIVE |
| COMPETITION IN TOLL AND |) | CASE NO. 273 |
| RELATED SERVICES MARKETS IN |) | |
| KENTUCKY |) | |

O R D E R

On March 15, 1984, GTE Sprint Communications Corporation ("GTE Sprint"), MCI Communications Corporation ("MCI") and Western Union Telegraph Co. ("Western Union"), by counsel, filed a Motion for Extension of Time (until 14 days after receipt of the transcript of the hearing held March 7 and March 8, 1984) in which to file verified responses and briefs and otherwise comply with the Commission's Order entered March 13, 1984.

The Motion states that the above Order was received by local counsel in Kentucky on March 15, 1984, that, in order to respond adequately to the Order, it will be necessary to communicate with clients in Washington, D.C., and California to coordinate responses and that this will be practically impossible to accomplish in the time frame specified in the Order. The Motion further states that the issues herein are complex and should not be decided without comprehensive comments and responses by the parties.

On March 16, 1984, the Attorney General, by and through his Consumer Protection Division, filed a Motion for Enlargement of Time of two weeks in which to comply with the deadlines established in the Commission's Order entered March 13, 1984.

The Motion states that a minimum of two additional weeks is necessary to confer with his consultant and to prepare complete responses. The Motion further states that relevant legal arguments would more usefully be encompassed in written briefs following the evidentiary stage of the docket, and the Attorney General moves that they be postponed until that time. In the alternative, the Attorney General moves for an enlargement of time of two weeks, up to and including April 3, 1984, in which to brief the legal questions raised in Appendix C to the Commission's Order entered March 13, 1984.

On March 16, 1984, the Commission received a letter (Motion) from South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") stating that the time schedule set forth in the Commission's Order is not sufficient to respond in a comprehensive manner. South Central Bell joins in the Motion of GTE Sprint, MCI, and Western Union, although it states that it can respond by March 30, 1984.

The Commission, having considered the Motions, having been advised by Western Union March 16, 1984, that it will agree to a further suspension of its pending tariff for Metrofone

Service for a period of time equivalent to the extension of time requested in the Motion, and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS that in consideration of the waiver granted by Western Union that the Motion of GTE Sprint, MCI, and Western Union be and it hereby is sustained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Motions of the Attorney General and South Central Bell be and they hereby are sustained to the extent that the time for filing briefs be and it hereby is extended to 14 days after receipt of the transcript of the hearings held March 7 and March 8, 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the extension of time granted herein shall apply to all parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 16th day of March, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary